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Dear James;

I must beg your pardon for not replying to your letter of Oct. 17th. earlier but have had many things to take up my time and especially family matters.

I note what you say regarding being an embalmer. I would suggest that you secure a traveling job if possible for some of the big coffin houses. I am not very well acquainted with the coffin people but there is a Chattanooga coffin factory and also coffin factories in Atlanta that make very fine merchandise and if you want me to I will take pleasure in assisting you every way I can. You could of course secure a position in Atlanta with any of the big undertakers but I would not recommend that kind of a job, while there is good pay in it yet it is not very desirable work I don't think.

I note what you say regarding the mohair industry. That I know nothing about except I use to sell a good many mohair dress goods when I was a clerk behind the counter and use to buy a good deal for my drygoods store but these goods are not used very extensively now in the dress goods business therefore I know nothing about it. There are also several large coffin companies in St.Louis. Now if you would get the names from some directory and write me just what you want me to do I will take pleasure in doing it.

I doubt if you could get the New York Banks to finance a live stock deal, it is so uncertain and they have lost a great deal of money, as I understand it, out West, therefore you would have to look to some of the local Banks nearby. Now almost anything I can do along this line I will take pleasure in doing, recommending you or helping you find the proper place.

I somewhat have a double job on me now as Durward, my son, is away from home making a business trip over in Europe and will not be back until February or March. He and I held a consultation almost every night after supper on our various affairs, he was direct manager of our Mills here but we sold both the Mills here and at Macon the first of October and are now preparing to build a cotton mill when things get right. Business is upside down, the cost of